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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 6429

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: POST COUP RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN

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1. WE HAVE HAD CONFIRMATION OF JULY 5 PRESS STORY (REFTEL)
CARRIED HERE THAT AFGHANISTAN GOVERNMENT WILL ADHERE TO
EXISTING AGREEMENTS WITH IRAN. AFGHAN FIRST SECRETARY MOHAMMAD
NADIR AYUBI (PROTECT TOLD EMBOFF THAT HELMAND RIVER WATER
TREATY CONTINUES TO BE RECOGNIZED BY NEW REGIME. AS FOR
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS, AYUBI SAID THAT IRAN HAD
DELIVERED 26 BUSES TO AFGHANISTAN THIS WEEK.

2. ACCORDING TO AYUBI, AMBASSADOR NAJIB, NEWLY APPOINTED
AMBASSADOR TO IRAN, WILL ARRIVE IN TEHRAN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW
DAYS. AYUBI, A CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO HAS SERVED PREVIOUSLY IN
CAIRO, QUETTA AND WASHINGTON, IS UNCERTAIN REGARDING HIS TENURE
UNDER NEW AMBASSADOR, A PUSHTUN FROM KANDAHAR, AYUBI SAYS
HE HAS HAD NO POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS AND LITTLE PROPERTY
IN AFGHANISTAN--THUS SHOULD NOT BE TARGET OF NEW REGIME.
HIS TWO CHILDREN ATTEND CAIRO UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.
HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AS WELL AS DARI, PUSHTU, AND SOME
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3. COMMENT: AT LEAST THIS AFGHAN EMBASSY SOURCE GIVES
IMPRESSION OF BUSINESS-AS-USUAL RELATIONS BETWEEN IRAN
AND NEW AFGHAN REGIME. AYUBI HAS NOT RETURNED TO KABUL
SINCE THE COUP, HOWEVER, AND HIS REMARKS MAY INDICATE
SOME WISHFUL THINKING ON HIS PART.

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